

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from the hours of 6 p.m. Sunday, July 22 until 2 a.m. Monday, July 23 in the Kotzebue District.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

Catch during the second week of fishing was average compared to previous years. The highest harvest was the Friday night fishing period with 9,137 salmon caught by 39 permit holders. After two weeks of commercial fishing the harvest is 38,500 chum salmon caught by 49 permit holders.

The Kobuk River test fish project at Kiana is now operational and catches have been average for the first week.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.